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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Friday, January 19, 2024

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9:46 A.M., by the Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMahan
Adams	Egan	McMakin
Amedee	Emerson	Melerine
Bacala	Farnum	Mena
Bagley	Firment	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freeman	Myers
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Geymann	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brown	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Selders
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Hughes	Stagni
Carpenter	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Walters
Cox	Landry, J.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, M.	Wiley
Davis	Larvadain	Willard
Deshotel	Lyons	Wright
Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young

Domangue McCormick Zeringue
Echols McFarland
Total - 104

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Horton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Brown led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of January 18, 2024, was adopted.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Beaullieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage at this time.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Third Reading and Final Passage**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE BILL NO. 8—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Beaullieu sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Beaullieu to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Womack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of House Committee Amendments by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#74)

Rep. Beaullieu moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. Farnum objected.

By a vote of 86 yeas and 15 nays, the amendments were adopted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Jackson requested the House consent to correct his vote on the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill No. 8 from nay to yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Taylor requested the House consent to record her vote on the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill No. 8 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

Rep. Beaulieu moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Firment	Mena
Adams	Fisher	Miller
Beaulieu	Freeman	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Muscarello
Billings	Galle	Myers
Bourriaque	Geymann	Newell
Boyd	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyer	Green	Owen
Brass	Hebert	Phelps
Braud	Henry	Romero
Brown	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Hughes	Selders
Carlson	Illg	St. Blanc
Carrier	Jackson	Stagni
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, W.	Jordan	Taylor
Carver	Kerner	Thomas
Chassion	Knox	Thompson
Coates	LaFleur	Turner
Cox	Landry, J.	Ventrella
Crews	Landry, M.	Villio
Deshotel	Larvadain	Walters
Dewitt	Lyons	Wilder
Dickerson	Mack	Willard
Echols	Marcelle	Wright
Egan	McCormick	Wyble
Emerson	McFarland	Young
Farnum	McMahen	
Total - 86		

NAYS

Amedee	Davis	McMakin
Bacala	Domangue	Melerine
Bagley	Edmonston	Riser
Bamburg	Fontenot	Wiley
Bayham	Freiberg	Zeringue
Chenevert	Johnson, M.	
Total - 17		

ABSENT

Carpenter	LaCombe
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Beaulieu moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Bagley requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of Senate Bill No. 8 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Green, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Petitions, Memorials, and Communications at this time.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

Message from the Senate

HOUSE BILLS

January 19, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following House Bills:

House Bill No. 16
Returned with amendments

House Bill No. 17
Returned with amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider House Bills and Joint Resolutions Returned from the Senate with Amendments at this time.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions Returned from the Senate with Amendments

Rep. McFarland asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions just returned from the Senate, with amendments to be concurred in by the House, with a view of acting on the same:

HOUSE BILL NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

The above bill was taken up with the amendments proposed by the Senate.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 16 by Representative McFarland

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 21

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 24, and insert the following:

"to Congressional redistricting mailings only in the event that Senate Bill No. 8 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature is enacted into law" \$1,401,377"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the beginning of line 6, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."

Rep. McFarland moved that the amendments proposed by the Senate be concurred in.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMahan
Adams	Egan	McMakin
Amedee	Emerson	Melerine
Bacala	Farnum	Mena
Bagley	Firmit	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freeman	Myers
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Geymann	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brown	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Selders
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Hughes	Stagni
Carpenter	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Walters
Cox	Landry, J.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, M.	Wiley
Davis	Larvadain	Willard
Deshotel	Lyons	Wright
Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young
Domangue	McCormick	Zeringue
Echols	McFarland	

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

LaCombe
Total - 1

The amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in by the House.

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, CARLSON, DEVILLIER, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(12), 401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(A) and (B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), 1461(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14), 401(C), Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, and Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:411.1 through 411.3, relative to elections; to provide for a party primary system of elections for certain offices, including provisions to provide for nomination of candidates for general elections by party primary elections; to provide for qualification of candidates unaffiliated with a recognized political party in the general election; to provide for voting by voters registered as affiliated with the party in the party primary election and for voting by voters unaffiliated with a recognized political party if allowed by the party central committee; to provide for election dates; to provide relative to certain qualifying fees; to provide relative to the compensation of boards of elections supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

The above bill was taken up with the amendments proposed by the Senate.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 17 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete "R.S. 18:2(12), 401(B)," and insert "R.S. 18:401(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "481" and before "521(A)," delete "511(A) and (B)," and insert "511(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "1401(A)," and before "1461(A)(1)" insert "and" and after "401(C)," insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 6, after "410.10," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 7 and insert "relative"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 19, change "511(A) and (B)," to "511(A)," and after "1401(A)," and before "1461(A)(1)" insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 1, after "401(C)," insert "and" and on line 3, after "410.10," delete the remainder of the line and on line 4, delete "comprised of R.S. 18:411.1 through 411.3,"

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 10, after "Congress" delete the period "." and insert "and the office of justice of the supreme court."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, delete line 6 and insert:

"A. The candidate who receives the majority of votes in the party primary"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

"B. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote in the first party primary, the two candidates from each political party who received the greatest number of votes in the first party primary shall be voted on in the second party primary.

(1) In the case of a tie vote for first place in the first party primary of a recognized political party, all candidates affiliated with the same political party who received the same highest number of votes qualify for the second party primary.

(2) In the case of a tie vote for second place in the first party primary of a recognized political party, all of the candidates affiliated with the same political party who received the same second highest number of votes and the candidate affiliated with the same political party who received the highest number of votes qualify for the second party primary.

(3) If one of the persons receiving the highest number of votes in the first party primary withdraws his candidacy, dies, or is otherwise disqualified, thereby leaving only one candidate from the same political party in the race, the remaining candidate who has received the highest number of votes for the office for which he was a candidate shall be declared the nominee of the party.

C. There shall be no third party primary. For any situation not specifically provided for herein, the state central committee of the recognized political party involved shall provide for the selection of a nominee from the candidates and shall provide notice of the selection of a nominee to the secretary of state no later than five business days after the second party primary election."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 13, delete "Beginning in 2025, party" and insert "Party"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, delete lines 15 through 29 and on page 7, delete lines 1 through 8

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 8, line 6, after "Part I-A" and before "of" delete "and I-B"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 8, delete lines 17 through 26 and insert: "* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 12, delete lines 1 through 18 and insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026."

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miguez to Reengrossed House Bill No. 17 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on January 18, 2024, on page 1, line 6, change "'511(A)," to "'511(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on January 18, 2024, on page 1, line 13, after "to" change "'511(A)," to "'511(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on January 18, 2024, on page 1, line 26, change "a majority vote" to "the majority of votes"

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fesi to Reengrossed House Bill No. 17 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 7 proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on January 18, 2024, on page 1, line 19 after "insert" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 20, and insert "justice of the supreme court, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Public Service Commission."

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fesi to Reengrossed House Bill No. 17 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, delete lines 19 through 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert:

"For general elections political parties shall make all nominations of candidates for party primary office by direct primary elections held pursuant to this Part. In party primary elections, each voter voting in such election may vote only for a candidate who is affiliated with the same party as the voter. Voters not affiliated with a political party may vote in a recognized party primary, but such voter may vote only in one recognized party primary."

Rep. Emerson moved that the amendments proposed by the Senate be concurred in.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Dewitt	McMahan
Amedee	Dickerson	McMakin
Bacala	Domangue	Muscarello
Bamburg	Echols	Myers
Bayham	Edmonston	Orgeron

Beaulieu
 Berault
 Billings
 Bourriaque
 Boyer
 Brass
 Braud
 Butler
 Carlson
 Carrier
 Carter, R.
 Carter, W.
 Carver
 Chenevert
 Coates
 Cox
 Crews
 Deshotel
 Total - 67

Egan
 Emerson
 Farnum
 Firment
 Fontenot
 Gadberry
 Galle
 Geymann
 Glorioso
 Hebert
 Henry
 Horton
 Jackson
 Johnson, M.
 Kerner
 Landry, J.
 Mack
 McFarland

Owen
 Romero
 Schamerhorn
 Schlegel
 St. Blanc
 Tarver
 Thomas
 Thompson
 Turner
 Ventrella
 Villio
 Wilder
 Wiley
 Wright
 Wyble
 Young

NAYS

Adams
 Bagley
 Boyd
 Brown
 Bryant
 Chassion
 Davis
 Fisher
 Freeman
 Freiberg
 Green
 Hilferty
 Total - 36

Hughes
 Illg
 Johnson, T.
 Jordan
 Knox
 LaFleur
 Landry, M.
 Larvadain
 Lyons
 Marcelle
 McCormick
 Melerine

Mena
 Miller
 Moore
 Newell
 Phelps
 Riser
 Selders
 Stagni
 Taylor
 Walters
 Willard
 Zeringue

ABSENT

Carpenter
 Total - 2

LaCombe

The amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in by the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred at this time.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

Motion

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 19.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the bill was withdrawn from the files of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Petitions, Memorials, and Communications at this time.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

Message from the Senate

SIGNED SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

January 18, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the President of the Senate has signed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill No. 8

and ask the Speaker of the House of Representatives to affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
 Secretary of the Senate

The Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the Speaker of the House.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

January 19, 2024

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Bills have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE BILL NO. 16—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
 AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, CARLSON, DEVILLIER, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WRIGHT
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), and 1461(A)(1) and to

enact R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14), 401(C), and Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, relative to elections; to provide for a party primary system of elections for certain offices, including provisions to provide for nomination of candidates for general elections by party primary elections; to provide for qualification of candidates unaffiliated with a recognized political party in the general election; to provide for voting by voters registered as affiliated with the party in the party primary election and for voting by voters unaffiliated with a recognized political party if allowed by the party central committee; to provide for election dates; to provide relative to certain qualifying fees; to provide relative to the compensation of boards of elections supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Bills contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Governor for executive approval.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 2:38 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

ANGELA S. SMITH
Assistant Clerk of the House / Journal Clerk